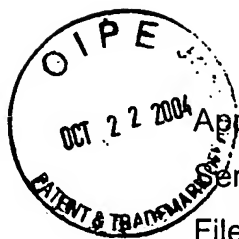


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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the items of information on the enclosed Supplemental Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Supplemental Form 1449.

Copies of the listed documents are not provided pursuant to the Office waiver as set forth in the Notice of July 11, 2003 entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003."

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. In addition, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended, and reserve the right to establish otherwise under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or others.

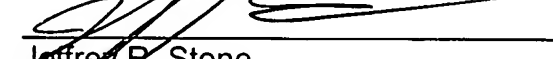
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants request that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Supplemental Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

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